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MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE FOR RUBBER
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the action taken by the Government to implement the minimum support price of rubber;

(b) the response from the natural rubber merchants in this regard;

(c) whether there is any non-cooperation from the rubber merchants to implement the minimum support price; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) The Government has not fixed `minimum support price` for rubber. However Government has fixed and notified minimum price for trading in rubber under Section 13 of the Rubber Act, 1947. Trading in violation of the notified price is punishable under the Rubber Act. Rubber Board has set up a Monitoring Cell to look into the complaints of violation of the price notification.

(b) to (d) : Initially rubber dealers had some misapprehensions about the minimum price but after discussions with the trading community, the market has since settled and normal trading is taking place now.